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In re Patent Application of

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For: GAMING DEVICE HAVING INTERACTING SYMBOLS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is related to the following commonly-owned co-pending patent applications: "GAMING DEVICE WITH TRAVELING REEL SYMBOLS," Serial No. 09/606,928, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-007; "GAMING DEVICE WITH MULTI-PURPOSE REELS," Serial No. 09/606,733, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-017; "GAMING DEVICE WITH MOVING SCREEN SIMULATION," Serial No. 09/625,884, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-021; "GAMING DEVICE WITH SIGNIFIED REEL SYMBOLS," Serial No. 09/605,344, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-026; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING TOUCH ACTIVATED ALTERNATING OR CHANGING SYMBOL," Serial No. 09/602,331, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-029; "GAMING DEVICE PROVIDING TOUCH ACTIVATED

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SYMBOL INFORMATION," Serial No. 09/680,349, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-030; "GAMING DEVICE HAVING A CHANGEABLE OBJECT," Serial No. 09/680,111, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-137; and "GAMING DEVICE HAVING A SYMBOL COVERING FEATURE," Serial No. 09/684,275, Attorney Docket No. 0112300-154.

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